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ENTENTE TERMS FORECAST; DEMANDS WOULD CRUSH POWER OF GERMANY, TAKING MUCH TEUTON TERRITORY

MORGAN EXPLAINS HIS CONCEALMENT OF PIER'S BULGE

Discharged Engineer Says That He Sought to Save Face of Harbor Commissioners

It was in the belief that his admission concerning the bulging out of Pier 9 would save the harbor board from disgrace, that J. G. Morgan, former assistant engineer, decided to confess that he had falsified in the matter.

Morgan told the story to the Star-Bulletin today, rather slowly and rather hesitatingly as he looked back over the weeks that have elapsed since he first learned that the wall was bowed out and resolved to keep the matter secret even from the board itself.

He declares that Charles R. Forbes, chairman, and members of the board knew nothing about the bow in the wall, but that Forbes and McCarthy knew that it had cracked at the corner. It was at this time that the dredging was ordered stopped.

Feared Design Attacked

"I see now that I was in the wrong," said Morgan today, "but I felt that the wharf was safe after its first bulge. I thought the design of the wharf would be attacked if the fact that the wall was out was announced, when as a matter of fact the wall was never designed to allow the sort of hydraulic fill that the Lord-Young people forced into it."

"The wall went out in about three days to the extent of five inches, but I am confident that it stopped as soon as the filling ceased. If the fill had kept on it would undoubtedly have gone still more."

Declares Contractors Knew

Morgan declares that he and the contractors were fellow conspirators in the game. They knew the wall was out as well as he, though Ed Lord had previously laughed when warned that the hydraulic fill would raise trouble, he says. Morgan tells of how he himself, jugged the figures so that the carpenters might set up the top section of wall in line.

"I would find out how much the copper plug was off," he says, "and then give figures to the carpenter so the forms would go in line. I did not feel that this was any great crime so long as the wall was safe, anyhow. See Revelation Coming

"It was not until after the meeting on Saturday when the decision was made to have an investigation by two engineers that I decided to tell all," says the former official. "I saw that the investigation would show that the wall bowed, and that the disgrace would then fall on the board. I decided to put the blame on myself."

Charges Playing Politics

Morgan makes another remarkable statement to the effect that the motion of Commissioner McCarthy to discharge him dishonorably instead of accepting the tendered resignation was a political move—that the colonel was playing politics.

"Maybe I am biased in this regard," Morgan admits, "but the first thing McCarthy said on the night of the executive session was not for the safety of the wall but the likelihood of its preventing appropriations for future jobs."

Greger is Exonerated

William Greger, inspector, knew nothing of the bulge in the wall, according to Morgan, as it happened at the time Greger was off the job with a blackened eye from the mix with Victor Ives. Morgan says that he himself was the sole territorial representative on the work then for several days, during which time the line went out.

He hoped to protect Forbes, also, by confessing. Not that Forbes knew of the bow, he says, but that he would have been attacked for it if the first investigation had been made. Forbes expressed the belief in a letter to the board Wednesday that the action by Morgan was "to save his chief" in a sense of mistaken loyalty.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	11	10 7/8
American Smelter	104	103
American Sugar Rfg.	108 1/2	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	123 3/4	125 1/4
Anaconda Copper	81 3/4	80 1/2
Atchafalpa	103 3/4	104
Eldwin Loco.	52 1/2	57
Baltimore & Ohio	84	83 3/4
Rethlehem Steel	52 1/2	51
Calif. Petroleum	25	24 1/2
Canadian Pacific	165 3/4	165 1/4
C. & M. St. P. (St. Paul)	91 1/2	91 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 3/4	44 1/2
Cruible Steel	61 3/4	59 1/2
Ericsson	34	34
General Electric	167	166 1/2
General Motors	117 1/2	117 3/4
Great Northern Pfd.	117 1/2	117 3/4
Inter. Harv. N. J.	125	121
Kennecott Copper	45 1/4	44 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	77 3/4	79 3/4
New York Central	104	104
Pennsylvania	56 3/4	56 1/2
Ray Consol.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern Pacific	96 3/4	96 1/2
Studebaker	103 3/4	104 3/4
Texas	236	222 1/2
Union Pacific	147 1/2	147
U. S. Steel	106 1/4	105 1/4
U. S. Steel Pfd.	119 1/2	120
Utah	101 3/4	99 3/4
Western Union	96 1/2	96
Westinghouse	54 3/4	55 1/4

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INADEQUACY OF HOTELS PROVED—J. S. McCANDLESS

Takes Issue With Assurances Yesterday: Tells of Knights Templar Troubles

An emphatic statement that the hotel accommodations of Honolulu are not sufficient for the tourists coming here this winter is made by James S. McCandless. His statement to the Star-Bulletin this morning comes as a result of a meeting yesterday afternoon of the Hawaii Promotion Committee and local hotel managers. At this meeting the hotel men said that while it is impracticable to make reservations for accommodations from January 15 to the end of the Carnival season, tourists arriving here will be able to find accommodations. With this Mr. McCandless takes issue.

"The assurance now that there are enough hotel accommodations is misleading and according to my experience with the hotels, the statements the hotels make now are not correct," says McCandless. "I have recently had some personal acquaintance with conditions. As Honolulu knows, we have succeeded in securing a visit from a large body of the Knights Templar of San Francisco Commandery, with the probability that other Knights of the coast will join this excursion, which is to arrive here February 19."

"They have taken 100 rooms on the Great Northern but I have been absolutely unable to provide accommodations for them when they arrive in February. I talked with the managers of the Territorial Hotel Company and the Pleasanton Hotel and over my signature will state that I could not get assurances of one room for that party."

"It is not sufficient to say that when the time comes they will be taken care of. The facts are that the hotels know they are going to be so full that they will not guarantee any rooms."

"Hotel accommodations mean—or ought to mean—accommodations that the prospective visitor can be sure of. Otherwise they are not justified in coming to Honolulu. It is not right to try to stow away parties such as these of the Knights Templar anywhere they can be hastily put the day the steamer arrives."

"I am also informed on good authority that the Moana Hotel had to inform something like 100 inquirers that nothing could be guaranteed—that rooms could not be reserved for the period they wished to come."

"As a result of my belief that there will not be adequate accommodations in February unless something radical is done, I have taken up the proposition of having the Knights Templar stay aboard the Great Northern while she is in port. It is absolutely wrong for us to take a chance that there will be rooms somewhere when our visitors come."

MORE MONEY IN MAUI AND KAUAI

Reports of Maui and Kauai tax assessors which have just been received by Territorial Treasurer Charles J. McCarthy show that both islands will have an increase in tax money for the year 1917.

Maui's assessment reports that the net increase of assessment over the last annual period is \$7,798,019, while that for Kauai is given as \$3,541,480.

This means, taking into consideration such data as is available, that Kauai will receive at least \$23,609.86 more than last year and Maui will receive an increase of \$51,986.78. This is the minimum estimate, the actual figures will be more.

Treasurer McCarthy declines as yet to estimate the tax rate for the coming year, but D. L. Conkling, county treasurer, guesses it lower than the present rate of 1.27.

KINNEY-OAHU SUGAR CO. MATTER WILL BE ARGUED WEDNESDAY

Taking of testimony in the case of Mrs. Helen Kinney against the Oahu Sugar Company, an action for ejectment from land on which the principal pumping plants of the company are located, was completed in Circuit Judge Whitney's court today. The case has been in progress for the last month and a large number of witnesses have been examined. Argument will be had at 10 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

AMONG THE TALLEST TREES IN THE WORLD IS THE AUSTRALIAN EUCALYPTUS, WHICH ATTAINS A HEIGHT OF NEARLY 500 FEET.

OPIMUM SWINDLE MAY BE PROBED BY GRAND JURY

Daring Scheme is Further Told By Japanese and Federal Officials May Act

An interesting and somewhat different version of the alleged "skin" game in an opium transaction among several Honolulu Japanese as published yesterday in the Star-Bulletin was given out today by a prominent Japanese, who says his story is now common knowledge among his countrymen.

The Star-Bulletin's informer credits the plot of selling opium, playing policeman and later grabbing both the opium and the money, to Fukazawa, whose reputation with the police is not the best. The story is that Fukazawa obtained 50 lbs. of opium, said to be worth \$2500, from a local Chinese, offered Kaitau 5 per cent commission to sell it and then rushed into Kaitau's place in Kakaako December 10, when the deal was nearly closed; frightened the prospective buyers away and made off with the opium and the money.

A meeting was held in a local office Wednesday with Kaitau, his wife, and the five Japanese who had each put up \$200 to buy the opium on a speculation. It is said that Fukazawa had reduced his price to \$2000 and had agreed to take \$1000 down (\$200 from each of the five). Fukazawa was then called into Wednesday's meeting and accused by Mrs. Kaitau of being the man who frightened the buyers away and appropriated the spoils. Following the accusation Fukazawa went directly to the United States marshal's office.

The five Japanese were sitting in Kaitau's room with \$1000 in a bag ready to pay for the opium in a box nearby when they heard footsteps on the porch," says the Star-Bulletin informer. "Suddenly the door was kicked in, one of the five was knocked over and they all dashed from the house. Mrs. Kaitau was in an adjoining room and peeked behind the door to see Fukazawa taking away the money and the opium."

That the case undoubtedly will be presented to the federal grand jury is the opinion of the U. S. attorney's office. The Star-Bulletin is informed that a hui of three Japanese had been formed to purchase the opium, and that the district attorney's office has in its possession the written statements of the members of the hui.

CARL B. ANDREWS NAMED ON BOARD

Carl B. Andrews, chief engineer of the Oahu Railway & Land Company, is the third member of the examining board named by the harbor commission to report on the condition of Piers 8, 9 and 10. Andrews' name was announced following his acceptance today.

Letters of instruction were today sent out to the three engineers—Andrews, George W. Armitage and G. H. Gere—requesting them to begin the investigation as soon as possible.

In brief the committee of engineers is instructed to examine bulkhead walls of Piers 8 and 9 as to their safety and stability, report on the anchorage plan now in use, make such recommendations as they deem advisable, examine Pier 10 plans and specifications, making such recommendations or changes as they see fit, submitting estimates of costs of construction or changes proposed.

The letter outlines the motion made by Commissioner James Wakefield on Wednesday afternoon when the vote to name such a board was up for consideration.

DISPOSITION OF LITTLE GIRL IS PUZZLING COURT

Whether the father or mother shall have custody of their adopted child is the rather delicate question that Juvenile Judge Whitney will have to decide tomorrow morning.

The mother, who is part-Hawaiian, is living in Waikiki with the three-year-old girl who, thinks Probation Officer Joseph Leal, is American. The father is said to be a Hindu and, from what the juvenile court officers have learned, the little girl was adopted on the mainland some time ago.

A separation of the father and mother is said to have been the next step in the case and the father recently arrived here and has demanded the custody of the child. The mother also demands her custody. So Judge Whitney will have to decide in whose care the youngster shall be placed.

JAPANESE WOMAN OUT BUT WARNED TO REMAIN GOOD

With the express understanding that she refrain from the practice of commercialized vice, Natsu Ishii, a Japanese woman, has been released from the custody of the federal immigration officials on bond in the sum of \$250. Bail was fixed in federal court today at the instance of Assistant U. S. Attorney S. B. Kemp. She is to be released pending the disposition of her appeal in a habeas corpus proceeding.

Scandinavian Nations Back Wilson's Note

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, England, Dec. 29.—Norway, Sweden and Denmark have sent a joint note to the belligerent powers supporting President Wilson's peace note.

BUDAPEST CROWDS GREET CHARLES I, THEIR NEW KING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 29.—Festivities in honor of the coronation of Archduke Charles Francis Joseph as King Charles I, emperor of the dual monarchy, are in full swing today. Enormous crowds witnessed the formal entry of Charles into the city today. The formal coronation ceremonies begin on Saturday.

BAREFOOT MAN ROBS WITH DOG

A barefooted burglar with an attentive pet dog is becoming so bold in Waikiki that one home there was entered at dinner time last night and another entered in the early evening when residents were in the immediate vicinity of the place. Chief McLuffie has good suspicions of whom the man may be and has detailed two men to closely watch the district visited.

When Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Kirchhoff left their cottage to go to dinner last night they took extra precautions to lock their doors. When they returned a half hour later some one had evidently entered the front door with a pass key, as it was open, and had hurriedly ransacked the house, apparently in search of money, leaving by the rear door after stealing little more than a revolver. There were bare footprints all around the house, accompanied by the tracks of a dog, which could be traced down the beach.

A short time later, evidently the same man entered the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. John Vickers, for he again made off with a pistol. A few nights ago an adjacent cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Clark was entered while they were away and it is thought it was reentered after they had returned and had gone to bed. Another resident in that vicinity recently lost \$10 in coin from her home and two or three other cottages have been entered in the last few weeks.

MINORS THROG LICENSE OFFICE

Honolulu's marriage license bureau is being overrun of late with youths and maidens who have not yet reached the age prescribed by law when they may of their own will take up the responsibilities of married life.

This is the declaration of Palmer Woods, marriage license agent, who says that never before in the history of the office have so many youngsters applied for licenses.

"We usually have about one case a month," said Woods today, "but the December showing is already seven or eight. I don't know what to think of it or how to name the cause of the sudden increase but it is a fact nevertheless. We are always vigilant in this matter and investigate thoroughly. Oftentimes about the time we call up the parents of the couple the applicant disappears."

COPENHAGEN HEARS ALLIES TO INSIST ON BREAKING ENEMIES; GERMANS MAKE SOMME "DRIVE"

Spain Decides on Energetic Measures to Protect Merchant Shipping From German Submarine Attacks

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Dec. 29.—News that the Allies are preparing to outline demands for peace terms which will wrest from the Teuton Powers their enormous territories as well as naval strength is contained in a despatch here which purports to give an outline of the main terms.

The despatch says that the Entente reply to Germany's peace proposals has been completed and will soon be sent. There is optimism prevalent in Entente official circles, the despatch adds, that in its final form the reply will meet with satisfaction in Washington.

Following the delivery of this reply to Germany, the reply of the Entente will be made to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents outline their demands.

The despatch here quotes the London Spectator as saying that the terms start with the restoration of the status quo before the war, including the evacuation by the Central Powers of all the enemy countries they now occupy.

As the terms are forecast, Alsace-Lorraine is to be restored to France by Germany.

A new kingdom of Slavic peoples and interests is to be created, in part by taking from the Central Powers some of the Slavic territory they now occupy. Bohemia is to become independent.

Rumania is to be rewarded by getting Rumanian Transylvania from Austria.

Italy is to be given a large amount of territory by Austria. The Austrian Tyrol plus Trieste and Istria, and all the Austrian territory in which Italian blood predominates, is to go to Italy.

The Straits of Constantinople are to be given over to Russia.

The Armenians are to be taken from Turkish dominion and placed under the tutelage of Russia. The Arabs are to be freed by the Turks, and Syria, Asia Minor and Mesopotamia are to receive a protection which will guarantee their tranquility.

The German colonies are to remain in the possession of the Entente group, by whom they are now held.

Indemnity is to be given by the Central Powers for all the countries they now occupy.

Germany must give reparation, ton for ton, for all the ships she has sunk or taken.

The German navy is to be distributed among the Entente Allies.

As a guarantee against future wars the democratization of Germany is to be brought about.

The Kiel canal is to be neutralized.

ACTIVITY ON MEUSE HERALDS NEW "DRIVE" ON THE VERDUN FRONT

(German Official)

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 29.—Early official announcement today is that on the west front there is considerable activity only on the left bank of the Meuse. On the east front there are no important events. The Ninth army, under von Mackensen, is in pursuit of Russians and has gained ground. From the Macedonian front there is nothing new.

German Army Headquarters, Dec. 28.—In Ypres bend, west front, and on the north bank of the Somme at noon, the weather being bright, the artillery exchanges grew violent today but decreased in the evening when the rain began again.

In air engagements today the enemy lost nine aeroplanes.

East arena, Prince Leopold's front: On the Graberka sector, northwest of Orocz, Austrian detachments brought in 32 prisoners and two machine guns.

Archduke Joseph's Carpathian sector: Besides activity of patrols, which many times ended in encounters with the enemy favorable to us, and temporarily lively artillery fire along heights on east bank of Golden Bistritza, only little fighting on this front today.

In Oltuz valley artillery duel took place.

Mackensen's army, Ninth: In a five days' struggle this army pierced several points on the Russians' positions, which consisted of lines of barbed wire tenaciously defended. Southwest of Rinnicul Sarat they were completely defeated on a 17-kilometer front. The Danube army has captured the strongly fortified villages along the route and thus broken into the enemy's front and forced him to retreat into a prepared position. Further north fighting was violent, success being due to our energetic leadership and fullest devotion of our troops. Besides enemy's large losses, they also since December 22 have lost 7000 taken prisoners and 27 machine guns and two mine throwers. The number of prisoners taken by our Danube army is more than 1300. In the Dobrudja during the attack against the bridge-head of Macin, progress was made. Airships and flyer squadrons successfully active in enemy's rear against important railroad and port establishments.

On Macedonian front, nothing new.

Spain Gets Tired Of Losing Ships

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, France, Dec. 29.—The Spanish cabinet has decided to take energetic measures to avoid the constant lessening of Spanish merchantmen, due to German submarine raids.

MADRID, Spain, Dec. 29.—Spain is sending an emphatic note to Germany regarding submarine Spanish vessels. It contends that Spain has always maintained that it was illegal to destroy prize vessels. Further steps are to be taken to avoid future risks to Spanish shipping.

Germans Renewing Verdun Offensive

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 29.—Germans forces from the Somme, taking a vigorous offensive, have entered French positions at Hill 304, Verdun. They have also made progress on the southern slope of Deadman's Hill.

The Teutons in Rumania today captured several more positions and took 1400 prisoners in the lake sector. The town of Ratchel-jin, in Dobrudja, has been captured.

PARIS, France, Dec. 29.—The Germans today made strong attacks on the Verdun front, between Hill 304 and Deadman's Hill. The attack was broken down by machine-gun fire and but few Germans entered the trenches on the south slope of Deadman's Hill.

Additional Telegraph despatches published on Page 9.